



FIELD CROPS

CROP PRODUCTION



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Florida

Weather: Small amounts of rain were received in early October. The far west Panhandle was the exception to this, collecting a couple inches weekly. Growers continued to harvest peanuts and hay. Cotton bolls began to open in some fields. The second week of October brought above normal high temperatures. Heavier rain in the Panhandle during midmonth caused delays for peanut and cotton harvesting. Precipitation also delayed some winter grains from being planted. Nighttime temperatures cooled off in the second half of October. Rainfall lessened as well. Some peanut growers reported that the cool nights slowed the maturation of their crop remaining in the ground. Sugarcane harvest began towards the end of the month. Some cotton growers started harvesting their fields; however, others were still finishing peanut harvest and had to delay picking cotton. By November 1 peanut digging was approximately 74 percent complete, compared to 89 percent at this time last year.

Cotton: As of November 1, 2009 yield was forecast at 741 pounds per acre, down 175 pounds or 19 percent from last year. The forecast for total harvested was 81,000 acres. Cotton harvesting began in the third week of October. Growers expect yields to decline if conditions continue to be less than optimal.

Peanuts: Yield was forecast at 3,000 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from last month and 200 pounds or 6 percent from last year. Acres harvested were forecast at 105,000; down 25 percent from last year. For the week ending October 11, the last condition rating of the season, peanut acreage was rated 77 percent good to excellent. As of November 1st, only 26 percent of peanuts remained to be harvested.

Sugarcane: Yield for sugar and seed was estimated at 36.7 net tons per acre, unchanged from last month. Last year's yield averaged 33.1 net tons per acre. Production of sugar and seed was forecast at 14,313,000 net tons, up 8 percent from last year. Acreage to be harvested was set at 390,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from last year.

United States

Cotton: Production is forecast at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 3.63 billion pounds, down slightly from the October 1 forecast and down 30 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.08 million acres, unchanged from October but down 28 percent from 2008. Yields are expected to average 3,353 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds from last month and down 73 pounds from the 2008 record yield of 3,426 pounds per acre. If realized, this will be the second highest U.S. yield on record.

Corn: Production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 7 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 162.9 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from October but 9.0 bushels above last year. Despite the drop in yield from October, this yield will be the highest on record if realized.

Soybeans: Production is forecast at a record high 3.32 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.3 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 3.6 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the highest U.S. yield on record.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 29.2 million tons, up 2 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 6 percent from 2008. The forecasted production increase in Louisiana, where timely rainfall late in the growing season boosted crop growth, more than offset the expected decrease in Texas. Producers intend to harvest 852,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2009 crop season, unchanged from last month but 15,300 acres below last year. Expected yield is forecast at 34.3 tons per acre, up 0.9 ton from the previous forecast and up 2.5 tons from 2008.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of November 1, 2009 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2008	For harvest 2009	2008	Indicated 2009		2008	Indicated 2009
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
Florida							
Cotton ¹	65	81	916	741	(¹)	124	125
Peanuts	140	105	3,200	3,000	pounds	448,000	315,000
Potatoes:							
Spring	27.9	28.6	285	274	cwt	7,952	7,846
Sugarcane	401	390	33.1	36.7	net tons	13,255	14,313
United States							
Corn for Grain	78,640	79,294	153.9	162.9	bushels	12,101,238	12,920,928
Cotton, All ¹	7,568.7	7,732.2	813	776	(¹)	12,815.3	12,496.0
Hay, Alfalfa	20,980	20,982	3.32	3.43	tons	69,620	71,977
Hay, All Other	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.06	tons	76,052	80,752
Peanuts for Nuts	1,507	1,082	3,426	3,353	pounds	5,162,400	3,627,600
Potatoes:							
Winter	11.0	8.7	230	245	cwt	2,530	2,132
Spring	68.8	73.4	293	291	cwt	20,132	21,325
Summer.....	45.1	42.5	306	346	cwt	13,805	14,705
Fall	922.0	919.9	411	426	cwt	378,588	391,529
Rice	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,038	(²)	203,733	218,245
Sorghum for Grain	7,271	5,681	65	64	bushels	472,342	363,810
Soybeans for Beans.....	74,681	76,619	39.7	43.3	bushels	2,967,007	3,319,270
Sugarbeets	1,004.6	1,150.5	26.7	25.6	tons	26,837	29,445
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed	868.0	852.7	31.8	34.3	net tons	27,603	29,206
Tobacco, All	354.5	353.3	2,258	2,304	pounds	800,504	813,964
Wheat, All:	55,699	49,868	44.9	44.4	bushels	2,499,164	2,216,171
Winter.....	39,608	34,485	47.1	44.2	bushels	1,867,333	1,522,718
Durum	2,574	2,428	32.6	44.9	bushels	83,827	109,042
Other Spring.....	13,517	12,955	40.5	45.1	bushels	548,004	584,411

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.